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Commodore's Corner

by John Gridley



I hope all of the WSC membership is healthy and weathering these trying new times of social distancing we are currently living in. It is challenging navigating our daily lives without the social connection we usually enjoy at WSC this time of year.

Currently, WSC has suspended all racing and social functions, but we have the upper lot and restrooms open so that you can work on your boats and get them ready to launch as soon as we are able to loosen the social distancing measures and enjoy the club fully again.

This has been a difficult time for our club with the pandemic crisis and the resignation of our head coach, Michael Cornew. Michael has moved on to a position with US Sailing, heading up the new Siebel Sailing Program in the Seattle area. Michael was a positive force in our program, and I'm sad to see him go but excited for him on taking on this new challenge with US Sailing.

Also, our club manager, Brandon Roberts, resigned his position unexpectedly last month. As I mentioned in a previous email, the timing, which at first didn't seem great, now gives us time to move forward in working on our finances and financial procedures. Mitchell Burke will be acting as our interim club manager. Mitchell has been working hard with the board over the past several weeks filling in the gaps with the staff departures and anticipating adjustments to our programming offerings due to the pandemic.

Our treasurer, Christine Stamper, has been very busy developing a new financial policy for the club and starting a financial committee to help with policy development, program budgets and a revised budget for 2020. The financial committee members include Christine Stamper, Dave Jursik, Mark Sandifer, LauraLee Symes, Bill Conerly, VC Geoff Fanning and secretary, Arjan Duyvestein. This is a very experienced and talented team of individuals. We will make the new budget available to the membership hopefully by the end of April and figure out a way for the membership to vote on adopting it. We have postponed our general membership meeting from April 24th to May 21.

The WSC board has been meeting virtually about every two weeks to discuss how to deal with impact the Corona virus has had on our club and structuring the club management.

I have also been communicating weekly with John Gordon, Mark Sandifer, Jim Harper and Toby Deming on the 2nd submittal for the dredging permit. John Gordon has done a tremendous amount of work with the rest of the team getting all the drawings and information ready to submit in April. Your WSC board and I are hopeful that we will be enjoying our club activities again this summer. The tough part for all of us is we have little control over the timing. We will only resume



activities when the health authorities deem it safe for our membership.

There is a lot going on in the background of WSC right now. But for all you members, think of this edition of Telltales as an escape. Throughout this edition you will find fun stories and great photos of past activities at WSC and elsewhere. This is a great opportunity to put your blinders up and get lost in these photos and stories.



Lido Fleet Report

by Lenore Zenger

There's not a lot to report this month, but in case you missed the latest emails from Fleet Captain Tom Boyd, here's a quick recap:

The Turtle Regatta, originally scheduled for May 2 & 3 has been postponed until further notice. When the public health situation begins to normalize, we'll consult with the club and the calendar to determine what alternative dates are open to us. Please keep an eye out for upcoming information on volunteering or registering for this regatta.

A big THANK YOU to Rachel Orendurff Johnson, Brad Grenham, and Kerry Poe! All three have agreed to be WSC Lido Fleet Ambassadors. Volunteer ambassadors will assist new WSC members (who are also prospective, new, or current Lido owners) as they get acquainted with us and using the facility. Ambassadors also help by directing new members' questions (technical or otherwise) to current fleet members with the appropriate background or knowledge. Thanks for helping our fleet ambassadors extend a warm welcome to new members!

Fair winds to you!



Laser Fleet Report

by John Sturman

The sailing season is rolling along even as Laser racing has come to a standstill for the WSC fleet. Since the last report we had one pleasant Winter Series day in light northerlies before strong cold easterlies and the Corona virus chased the series off the water. The likely podium for the Winter series includes Dave Jursik, Sebastian Leleau, and John Sturman. WSC was represented at the Masters Worlds in Australia by Rob and Marilyn Hodson and Bill and Lauralee Symes who travelled early enough to participate in the Australian Masters National. Unfortunately that regatta was halted after three days and six races with Rob in 17th in his large fleet and Bill shaking off his jetlag to overtake competitors and win his division in a tie-breaker. Great job guys! Unfortunately, the Masters Worlds was abandoned after much preparation and effort by competitors, but I think they enjoyed the winter training. In other news, the composite radial lower spar is available for pre-order at West Coast Sailing, although the price may be high enough to dissuade impulse buying. At the WSC Gear Swap I saw a hiking bench for sale that I am now kicking myself for not buying. I have links to websites with bench designs but still haven't put saw to lumber. Time will tell how many sailors manage to get practice sessions done during the Spring. I have been mentioning the clinic, and Dave Jursik may also offer a lesson on repairing daggerboard dings. I know my boat could benefit from this information. It is great to have events to look forward to during the sailing season. I hope everyone stays healthy, and I'll see you on the water.



Columbia Gorge Racing Association "In the Beginning"

by Kerry Poe

Before the windsurfing rage of the 80's, the Columbia River was mostly used for barge traffic, log rafts and Native American salmon fishing. Along what we now call The Gorge, most would have thought the river was too windy and rough for recreational use. Then, in the 1980's, everything changed when the Columbia River Gorge became known as a world-class windsurfing destination, famous for high winds, big waves and beautiful scenery.

As kids, a few of us from Willamette Sailing Club in Portland would go up to Hood River to sail Lasers and Laser II's. We would argue about whose boat we would take, because it usually meant blown up equipment, torn spinnakers, jib tracks ripped out of the deck and so forth. Sailing in Hood River was mostly trying to survive. We wore ski goggles so we could see where we were going through all of the spray. Windsurfers would fly by and cheer, and I often wondered if they were former dinghy sailors who had taken up sailboarding.

The Gorge Laser Slalom was my first attempt at running a regatta. It was 1986, or thereabouts, and I was working at Sailors Supply in Portland selling Lasers. I had heard about the San Francisco Laser Slalom and thought, "Why not have a Laser Slalom in Hood River?" The Laser North Americans would be in Vancouver, BC, so I figured I could run the event the week after the NAs and have a great turnout. We ended up with only six boats, including myself, my roommate Jeff Heinenman, Jonathan McKee, Charlie McKee, Mark Brink, and some guy from England. It was blowing the rocks off of the jetty in Hood River that day, and we didn't even try to set marks.

We had one of the best marine photographers, Neil Rabinowitz, show up and while we were out blasting around, Neil snapped away. Out of this non-event came some incredible pictures. I remember one of myself and Jeff blasting along with our boom-vang lines flying completely sideways in the wind and Mount Hood in the background. Probably the most famous picture was the top of Mark Brink's head, just visible above the wave he was in. All you could see was his visor and his sail while Mark and the rest of the boat were out of sight behind the wave.

For years I would see Neil's pictures show up in different magazines and product catalogs. From those pictures the Gorge became known not just for sailboarding but for dinghy sailing too. The next year Sailing World did a story about the top 10 events in the US. The Gorge Laser Slalom was one of the ten, which is not bad for only six boats and no marks set. I think Sailing World just wanted to find a way to use Neil's incredible pictures.

In the '90's, Chris Bittner and I were taking advantage of those crazy conditions to train in our 470 Olympic class dinghy. With the help of Gorge sailing conditions, and financial support from Full Sail Brewery, we went on to be one of the top US teams in the 470 class, winning the 1990 Pacific Coast Championships.

After winning the PCC's we had the right to host the 1991 Pacific Coast Championships at a venue of our choice. We knew we wanted to have the event in the Gorge but were not sure where. I got Matt Matsushima to be the PRO and we drove up and down the river trying to find the best venue with a boat launch. Many reasons made, and still make Cascade Locks a great venue. The river is close to the dam so the current is less. It's wide for more race course. You can pick if you want flat water or waves depending on where you go. There's fresh water, beautiful scenery, nice moderate wind (for the Gorge), and you're pretty much guaranteed wind, whether it is out of the west or east.

After a very successful event, other sailing classes started taking notice of the Gorge. First to return was the Canadian 470 National Sailing Teams for a training session. Next was the Seattle International 14 fleet, then the NW Tasar fleet. Word was quickly spreading about the venue and every year a new fleet would come. 1996 was the turning point, with the Tasar World Championship showing that the Gorge was for real and could host championships. It also became obvious that without a local sailing club to take on logistics and organization to handle the regatta demands, another form of organization was needed. Shortly after the Tasar Worlds, we started the Columbia Gorge Racing Association.

The early days were more informal bush-type regattas with maybe a six-pack of beer for a trophy. The



boat ramp used to be in the marina opposite the Visitor Center. The marina docks were wood and one winter they were destroyed by ice. We had just started CGRA and were looking for funding. The Forest Service was in charge of Federal Gorge scenic funds that were supposed to be used to bring tourism to the Gorge. All the local government agencies were trying to get funds, including Cascade Locks, which was on the waiting list to replace the docks. Port Director Tobin White arranged a meeting with the Forest Service, Jim Farris and I, about getting funding to support CGRA. Jim said CGRA's mission was exactly what the scenic funds were for, but since so many agencies were already on a long waiting list it could be years before they could help. Instead, Jim told Tobin that he could move the dock replacement up on the waiting list and in return the port could help out CGRA.

Over the years CGRA has become a world-class regatta and training venue due to our continued partnership with the Port of Cascade Locks and great volunteers such as Jarvis Brecker, Dave Patterson, Bill Symes and Dave Jursik, to name a few, who have constantly pushed for excellence. What has not changed is the laid-back atmosphere and great sailing. Simply put, there's no better place for sailing than the Gorge.



WSC, a Place to Call Home

by Drew Ehlers

Everyone is talking about “these strange and uncertain times” in emails, texts, and messages to family and friends. It definitely feels strange to see empty streets, closed stores, and people moving to the opposite sidewalk to avoid crossing paths. It feels uncertain as well. Who knows when we will get back to normal life, or what normal will be in the wake of this pandemic?

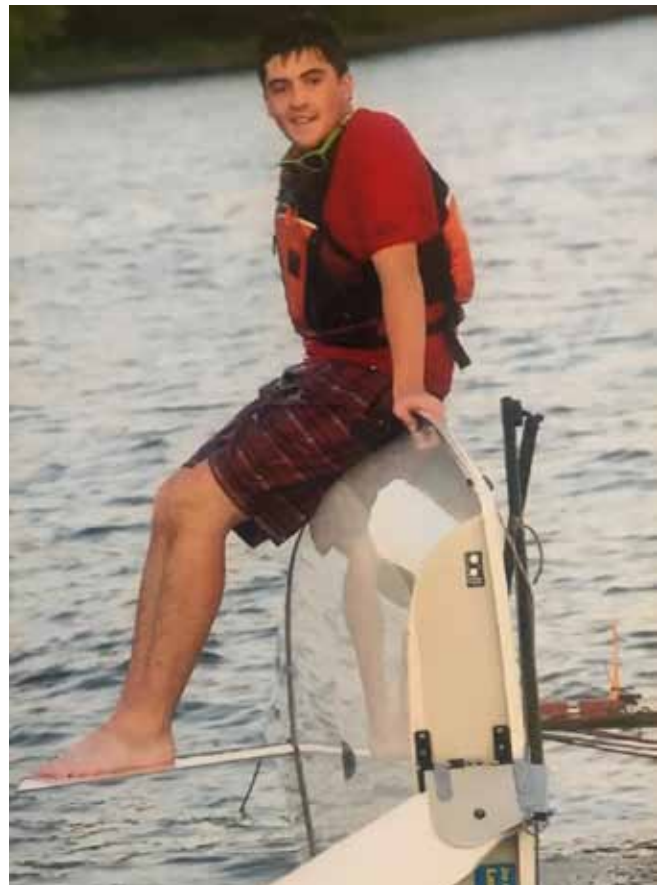
Sitting inside looking out on the empty streets and watching the gray clouds roll overhead, it is easy to get lost day dreaming of less gloomy times. Our current circumstances offer time for reflection and consideration of the past. For me, thoughts turn to summer days spent at the sailing club - learning to sail, racing, volunteering, coaching, and having fun. I appreciate the constant that sailing has been in my life, and by extension, the wonderful sailing community at WSC.

I sailed for the first time in the summer Learn to Sail camp on the docks of WSC, when it was still a one room, one story clubhouse. I remember sailing Optimis out of the harbor with my classmates, and I try not to remember how much time I spent in the no-go zone in those early days. I slowly learned how to tack, gybe, reach and rip, moving my way up into Lasers, 420's, FJ's, 29er's, Thistles, Lidos, Daysailors, and basically any boat the club or generous membership had to offer. I'm not sure if it became easier over the years to jump on people's boats because of developed trust and sailing know-how, or if it was because I figured out boat usage could be traded for beer.

WSC is the place I came with friends and family on Friday nights. It's where I grew from a sailing novice to being able to sail circles around my dad, a long time sailor. Chasing his Catalina 22 up the river, I was able to enjoy the river in a whole new way. I remember showing off to friends by capsizing a club Laser and waiting for them as they sailed by. I remember helping beginners rig their boats for the first time and watching them discover the joys of sailing I have come to know so well.

I have had the privilege of teaching countless people how to sail - people who have now become responsible younger coaches, people who have become integral members of the club community, and people who I can now race with on sunny summer nights. And I have learned so much from the many great sailors who call WSC home.

In “these strange and uncertain times” we can find comfort in familiar, special places like WSC, a place where we can come together to enjoy a beer and some good conversation; a place we can bump into each other on the race course and still hit the dock with a smile. When life does return to “normal” the river and the wind will be waiting. The clubhouse will stand ready to welcome us once again, and a great community of sailors will keep passing down their love for sailing to kids just like me. In the eventuality that we do have to remain distant for a while longer, I know we will still find ways to come together. Maybe we will just have to increase the size of the start line...



Creative Title #2....

by Matt Berger

As for many of you, my happy place is on a boat in warm wind and water. I live very close to the river in Sellwood and see it every day (the main reason I haven't moved in years!), so I've been doing a lot of daydreaming about sailing lately. We are weathering an unexpected storm this spring, but I want to focus on the positives and share the story of how I ended up at WSC. Our Opti Team is going to stay busy this season learning as much as they can on shore (time to do all of the sailing and knot homework we've talked about!) and Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation is focusing on helping with relief efforts and getting extra prepared for when everyone gets back on the water.

I moved to Portland from Brooklyn, NY in 2006. I grew up on Long Island in a junior program much like WSC and, just like so many of our home-bred WSC coaches, I became a certified instructor as soon as I turned 16. I coached, raced, and cruised up and down the east coast for years and worked lots of jobs on the water. I eventually moved to PDX for a music gig and spent most of my first years here on the road, but home base was Sellwood. I often stared at WSC from Oaks Park and wondered why I wasn't over there sailing. Then, one night at home in Sellwood, I had a dream that I was working at WSC. I woke up, called the office, and was hired a week later to start coaching that summer. No joke! To further fate, my landlord at the time told me that one of his other tenants was the Head Coach at WSC and lived right around the corner, so I went over to his apartment to say hello and met Steve Williams just as he was coming home from a spring Opti practice. Turned out, we had coached near each other in NY and were pretty sure we had already crossed paths at regattas on Long Island Sound. I trained at WSC with Steve and helped him with the Opti and adult classes. Steve was a GREAT coach. He taught me a lot and was a huge help getting me acclimated in the ways of the Willamette. I'm grateful for his kindness, support, and generosity.



Clearly, I am forever a big advocate of junior sailing and know from personal experience that being on the water can both enrich and change a life. It happened to me, and I've seen it happen to others here and back home. I hear stories of kids I coached in NY becoming head coaches at other programs, or see them popping up in US Sailing newsletters as Olympic hopefuls and award winners in their communities. Hopefully it doesn't embarrass them too much, but I helped with the WSC High School Team when Drew Ehlers and Claire Siegel-Wilson were just wee pups, and now look at them! They are running the team and are instrumental in keeping WSC operating on the day-to-day. Obvious success stories! Each summer, I see more WSC junior sailors becoming coaches and inspiring the younger sailors around them. I'd estimate that at least 75% of WSC's summer coaches each year are home-bred. The cycle goes on and on...

Thank you to WSC for having me all these years! I'm sure glad I had that dream. Being a part of your community has enriched my life in countless ways, and you will definitely see my two-year-old daughter crewing and flaking lines for me very soon :-).

Here's to staying safe and positive, and yearning for summer sailing,

Coach Matt





WSC Spring General Membership Meeting POSTPONED

We have moved the date of the
Spring General Membership
Meeting to May 21, 2020

We will be sending out an email
with the zoom meeting invite
information as the date approaches

February Board Meeting Minutes

by Arjan Duyvestein

Call to Order at 6:04 pm

Attendees: John Gridley (Commodore), Geoff Fanning (Vice Commodore), Jeffrey Sher (Port Captain), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), Brandon Roberts (WSC Manager), Christine Stamper (Treasurer), Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary)

Mooring Request

Shane St Claire presented a proposal to the board to moor a commercial passenger boat in the location he currently uses for mooring a large sailboat at the club. The new (motor) boat would be 63 feet long (versus 41' for the current sailboat). The proposal included potential sharing of income from clients who came to use his touring services through the club. The board discussed the proposal at length, and considered several alternatives. The main objections were size of the boat, and not being congruent with the core mission of the club. Vote was unanimous to deny the request.

Bank Accounts

The board voted and approved to make the following changes to the signers on the following bank accounts ending in: Key Bank ...3662, ...3390 and First Interstate ...1251, ...9648

All current signers to be removed

John Gridley - Commodore - to be added

Geoff Fanning - Vice Commodore - to be added

Christine Stamper - Treasurer - to be added

Jim Harper (Rear Commodore) will close all OnPoint Community Credit Union accounts associated with WSC. All remaining balances to be transferred via cashier's check to WSC's First Interstate account.

Officer's Reports

Vice Commodore - Geoff Fanning

Geoff attended the Valentine's Day plunge (preferably held on New Years Day) through the Human Access



Project on the ramp at Willamette Park. Approx. 110 people attended. The event took less than an hour and the organization is looking for a new venue so it can be held on New Years Day. Geoff thinks this event could be done at WSC and could be a source of positive publicity for the club and promote access to the river. Local media covered the event. Geoff will contact Willie Levenson, the event organizer, and report back at the next meeting.

Treasurer - Christine Stamper

Christine requested approval to open a credit card account in the club's name with a credit card limit of \$10,000 for the total account and \$2000 for individual cards. These are initial limits and will be refined over time to adjust them as needed. The Board approves the treasurer to open a credit card account at Key Bank for the club manager, program director, head coach and dock master.

Christine would like to have approval from the board to have a single signature required on checking accounts for amounts up to \$10,000, versus two signatures that were required in the past. One signer for amounts up to \$10,000 and two signers required for amounts over \$10,000. Christine will put this into the financial policy. Motion made to approve the requests above and approved by all.

Various documents were distributed by Christine and signed required for bank account consolidation.

Christine contacted Bill Connelly to discuss long term finance plan updates.

Christine distributed a draft "Financial and Accounting Policies and Procedures" document for the Board's review. Even though the policy is under review, it will be followed while the board reviews and provides comments to Christine at the next board meeting. The board reviewed Section 4. Remainder of the document to be reviewed offline and discussed at the next meeting.

Fleet Captain - Mike

Racing started on Sunday and 4 Laser sailors showed up. Registration and race committee sign ups are now online but slow to come in.

Race management Clinic will be held by OCSA on 2/29. Clinic is free, will be held at WSC and is scheduled for 10-1pm. Information was/will be provided in Willamette Wind. More info at sailpdx.org.

WSC / OYSF Gear Swap will be held 3 / 8 at WSC from 11am to 4pm.

One Day Race Management seminar to be held 3/14, which will be an all-day event at WSC. This is a US Sailing Race Management Seminar by Craig Daniels. Details to come. (Sent via Email blast to WSC Membership)

Mike will get out the Notice of the Race for the Al Morris by 3/15.

Rules seminar 3/17 and 19 by Craig Daniels. 5pm to 8:30pm. More details will be sent out on 2/28 to WSC Membership.

Night Captain Breakfast and Safety Boat Training 3/21 by Mike Rees.

Lido district championships will be held at Al Morris Regatta.

Port Captain - Jeffrey

Jeffrey received a list from Toby with items that still need to be completed on the dock.

First regular work party will be held on Saturday March 14. (Every second Saturday of each month). Brandon



will send out an email to all members reminding them of work-hour requirements and opportunities.

Secretary - Arjan

Arjan and Brandon to get together for review file structure. Brandon to put for a date/time that works.

Club Manager Report - Brandon

Financials

	YTD on Feb 18, 2019	TYD on Feb 18, 2020	End of Year 2020 Budget
Program Income	\$2,530	\$20,360	\$285,591
Memb. Income	\$52,120	\$57,624	\$221,281
Moorage Income	\$26,376	\$22,256	\$146,850
Totals	\$81,026	\$100,240	\$653,722

Membership Changes

Membership Requests:

Bruce Edwards - Regular

Amelie Bosnjak - Youth

Charlotte Yesser - Youth

Roman Khrushchinskaya - Youth

Membership Resignations:

Kent Wright - Regular (Special Request)

Board voted to accept all membership requests and resignations.

Good progress is being made to reduce Accounts Receivable. One outstanding account has \$2500 balance and this member wants to resign their membership and donate their boat to the club to cover the balance on the account. The board discussed this request but does not want to receive a boat in lieu of payment. Resignation accepted. Brandon to follow up with the member to close out the balance as he sees fit.

Two youth sailors have requested a temporary stop on their membership dues due to unforeseen leave. Board discussed these requests and by exception approved a maximum of 3 month relief from membership dues for Youth sailors who will be out of town for 6 months or more unforeseen. Brandon will continue to bill (to keep them in the system) but include a credit amount for these 3 months.

The design committee is getting together to clean out the storage units on 2/22. All salvageable items will be placed in the classroom temporarily. All trophies will be documented and measured to help determine the trophy case needed. Items will not be able to remain in the classroom for long due to the HS sailing program using this space.

WSC Swag project is proceeding. By middle of March order forms will go out for members and give them the ability to purchase many different items with WSC logo's (shirts, caps, glasses, burgees, etc, etc) with many options and sizes available. This is an effort to mitigate the fact that we no longer have a ship's store. It is the plan to have the ordered items in hand by the Commodore's ball on April 19th.

Steve Williams Regatta expansion - In an effort to promote this regatta and make it a larger event, the proposal is to make this an all-day event and have a buoy race in the morning, lunch, and then a fun bridge to bridge race in



the afternoon. All loaner boats will be available for youth sailors. Regatta will be held tentatively 5/17.

Need to decide what to do with the funds raised last year at the OYSF auction. Sail cubes were planned, but the amount raised did not hit the target. Mike mentioned that an appeal could be submitted to OYSF. Next meeting a decision will need to be made what to do with the funds.

LTS for adults opened on February 1 and has 15 participants already. The HS sailing team has 45 participants and Opties has 9.

Brandon has not had many reactions to the club cook position and Oregon Culinary Institute is not interested. Brandon was putting approx 20+ hrs/week into hospitality efforts last year, which was an unsustainable workload. Brandon proposes using Portland Catering Company in lieu of hiring a staff cook. Portland Catering would be responsible for setup, organizing, purchases, food prep, serving, and cleanup. They would do this using their own offsite facility, such that the kitchen would not need to be used, and would remain a membership kitchen only. The cost for Portland Catering would charge \$250/event plus \$4/person attending the event. Portland Catering would also be able to take on happy hours on Wednesday's for \$10/person. Portland Catering would not be the required caterer for members wanting to rent the space and have food service. Bar service would still be handled directly by WSC. The board voted to accept this arrangement for 3 months and review progress at that time.

Member of the Month: Toby Deming for his involvement in the recovery modification and replacement of the docks with the McCuddies dock.

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm

March 17 Board Meeting Minutes

by Arjan Duyvestein

Call to Order at 6:30 pm (Online Meeting)

Attendees: John Gridley (Commodore), Geoff Fanning (Vice Commodore), Jeffrey Sher (Port Captain), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), Christine Stamper (Treasurer), Michael Cornew (Head Coach), Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary).

Resignation of Club Manager

Brandon Roberts has resigned unexpectedly as of today as the club manager, citing ongoing challenges with the position, high workload, and stress caused by the many ongoing challenges. He sees this as a business decision that is the best course of action for him personally.

The board discussed this unexpected development at length and will contact Brandon in the coming days to find out more about this sudden decision. Michael Cornew provided some insight into the situation. John Gridley will contact Brandon to find out more and conduct an exit interview.

John will contact Mitchell Burke to discuss taking over some of Brandon's tasks in the coming days as the Corona Virus situation evolves and many decisions need to be made. Mitchell will be most immediately affected by Brandon's resignation and will need to be kept in the loop on items that Brandon was working on. Christine will take on some of Brandon's financial tasks such as depositing checks and organizing payroll.

COVID-19 Emergency Measures

The Board discussed the current situation with the most recent developments of the Corona Virus (COVID-19)



and the impact this will have on the club. New information and developments are coming out daily and as of this writing Governor Brown, via executive order 20-08, has ordered all schools to remain closed till April 28. Previous executive order 20-07 also prohibits any gatherings of 25 or more people.

The board discussed these developments at length, including whether club racing should continue, whether any club activities should move forward, whether the club-house and other facilities should remain open to members, etc. After much discussion, a motion was made and approved. The board unanimously decided the following:

In an effort to meet these new challenges and requirements, and to make sure that we are all taking the best steps to help flatten the infection rate curve, effective immediately:

- The club will suspend all WSC related activities through April 28th. This matches the timing of the PPS calendar of school closures and the situation will be tracked weekly and revised as things develop. This includes work parties, Happy Hours, Club Racing, Seminars, Social events, etc.
- The Club House (building on the water) will be closed to all members (with the exception of office personnel on an as-needed basis only). The door code will be changed and not distributed to prevent use/infection of the club-house. A sign will be posted with emergency contact information.
- The Boat House will be closed and locked. The door code will remain unchanged. Boats WSC 1 and WSC 2 are not to be used.
- The Restrooms in the upper lot will be open but locked. The door code for these will remain the same to provide sanitation facilities on site. A sign will be posted for members to lock the door when they leave since these doors are frequently left open.
- Gates will be shut. Pad-lock codes will remain unchanged. A sign will be posted that the club is effectively closed.
- Members will be allowed to make use of the club grounds, upper lot, and docks, and could sail their own boats, at their own discretion.
- All club equipment (kayaks, paddleboards etc) will be put away and is not to be used during this closure.
- The office will be closed and staff will be encouraged to work remotely.
- Work hour requirements are suspended, and any food-minimums are also suspended.

Mitchell will update the website to reflect these decisions upon his return from vacation. Additional items that need attention:

Update club Calendar events to reflect current decisions

Update Website with closure information.

Sent out email to all members.

Order signs, handle mail, packages,

Phone systems and outgoing messages.

Staff Assignments

Brandon's tasks will need to be distributed among several individuals temporarily till a more permanent solution is found. John will reach out to Mitchell and discuss his ability to take on some of Brandon's tasks as well as the necessary steps during the Corona virus closure.

Michael's new position in Seattle will start remotely on April 1, which will allow him to remain in Portland till approximately May 1. He will therefore be here as a resource to help navigate some of these obstacles. Surfaces in the club-house have been wiped down and kayaks have been moved inside. The wailers have been pulled out of the water and stored in the upper lot. Prior to April 1, Michael will work on creating content for kids to do during this 'off time'. Michael is open to suggestions for content.



Michael encourages the board to look within for replacing both him and Brandon.

John will reach out to Drew Ehlers about his ability to take on some of Michael's tasks once he leaves and until a decision about his replacement has been made. This may be a slow start since HS sailing is canceled till at least April 28th.

John will also touch base with Mitchell and Claire about their assignments during the Corona crisis, and Jeffrey will touch base with Jim Van Hook. Christine will do a month to month comparison to review what staff assignments and payroll usually are during this time for use in making accommodations for staff during this unplanned downtime.

WSC Website

The website for the club needs to be updated with new information but also needs to be redone. Mitchell will be asked to update the website with current information and we will continue to look for someone with the skills to take on a web-site redo.

Finance Committee

Christine proposes setting up a finance committee to look at the club's situation and the effect that the Corona virus closures will have on the club's finances. The board agrees, and Christine will propose several members. Christine will start by writing a purpose statement for the committee.

Bookkeeping

Ann Wawrukiewicz has been ill recently and believes she may be infected with the Corona virus. She's notified the board that she will resign as bookkeeper. Christine will work with her to wrap up any open items and the board will begin to look at options.

Dredging

John, Jim and Toby are working with JPA to resubmit the permit application. John Gordon forwarded a new proposal for review. There are some assumptions in the proposal that need to be addressed. Jim Harper has made additional recommendations.

Next Meeting

A special board meeting will be held next week Thursday March 26, 2020 via on-line meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

March 26 Special Board Meeting Minutes

by Arjan Duyvestein

Call to Order at 6:30 pm (Online Meeting)

Attendees: John Gridley (Commodore), Geoff Fanning (Vice Commodore), Jeffrey Sher (Port Captain), Mike Rees (Fleet Captain), Christine Stamper (Treasurer), Mitchell Burke (Program Director), Arjan Duyvestein (Secretary).

Program Director's Report - Mitchell

Programs for the summer are still moving forward but will likely be restricted to just a few months of activities. HS sailing activities are moving to an online format with Drew assigning tasks.

Mitchell will be in the office once per week 10-3pm on Thursday's for billing and payments. Outside of those hours he will be working from home. Mitchell will keep an eye out for any unemployment claims that may come in.



Resignations

Mitchell will take on some of the responsibilities previously handled by Brandon. He believes someone with sailing experience in the manager position should be seriously considered in any new staffing decisions moving forward. Mitchell would also like to see more emphasis on staff professional development which has been lacking this past year.

There is a need to develop a new organization chart and identify roles/responsibilities with respect to a new club manager and bookkeeper roles. Several options were discussed regarding how to move forward over the course of the next several months without a bookkeeper. John will contact Sarah Gordon who is familiar with the Club for perspective and advice. John will also touch base with a bookkeeper who is recommended by West Coast Sailing and Dave Jursik, as well as his own bookkeeper and see if they would be willing to act in an interim bookkeeper role to get the club through the next few months and past the upcoming General Meeting. Motion was made to appropriate up to \$2000 for upcoming bookkeeping needs for the next two months to get through this period till a more permanent solution is found.

Fraud Case

Fraud case is proceeding. Mitchell will reach out to the DA to make Geoff the main contact for the club for any new information that comes out.

COVID-19

Willamette Wind Email

Mitchell will send out an updated Willamette Wind email with new status/information to keep the membership informed during the current COVID-19 shutdown..

Announcement of postponement of events.

Link to last Telltales on the web-site.

Reiterate code changes for Gate and Restrooms. A separate email with the actual code.

Requests for creative submissions for April Telltales.

Update on extent closure dates (currently through April 28th) but subject to change.

TellTales

There has been a limited response for April Telltales submissions. End of Year information and updated Budgets need to be printed in Telltales by April 20 in order to meet requirements for the General Meeting. Since there isn't any sailing going on Mike suggests that this issue could take on a different form. Mitchell suggests possibly printing a story from Kerry Poe.

Staffing Situation

Mitchell will send out a general email about Michael's resignation to the membership. Drew will be taking over as interim head coach. Drew has already sent out an announcement about activities during the stay-at-home order.

Christine reviewed last year's pay periods during these same months to review salaries of staff during a 'normal' year. Claire and Drew worked approx. 12hrs/wk during this time. The consensus was that it would be reasonable to continue to pay staff during this closure a similar amount to last year at this time. Proposal is to match 12hrs/week for Claire and Drew. Matt is under contract and on salary, with 50% of his salary granted to the club from OYSE. Mike will review whether a larger portion of Matt's salary could be granted by OYSE during this time. Jeffrey reached out to Jim van Hook who did not need any special arrangement. John will touch base with Matt, and Mitchell will touch base with Drew and Clair to review to make sure this works for the staff and does not put undue hardship on them.



Membership Changes

Requests

Stephan Swank - Regular

David Rowell - Regular / Senior - Special Request

Kai Demorest - Youth

Resignation

Elsa Lemoine - Regular

Reed College Sailing - Regular

James Lampros - Inactive

Grant Robb - Youth

Mathew Neary - Regular

Changes

None

All membership changes are approved.

Mitchell will ask Claire to put together new membership packets to be able to send to the new members.

Financials

Mitchell and Christine will be working on cancelling or reducing some recurring expenses for things that we either don't need or can go without while we are closed. Christine will present the list at our next meeting. Payments via checks will have to wait until next week while Mitchell and Christine become more familiar with the process. David Valentine wrote a guide that can be consulted. All checks have been accounted for and put away for safekeeping. Christine has ended daily phone call from the bank to specifically approve every check.

	YTD on Mar 13, 2019	TYD on Mar 13, 2020	End of Year 2020 Budget
Program Income	\$25,227	\$29,352	\$285,591
Memb. Income	\$63,734	\$70,951	\$221,281
Moorage Income	\$34,595	\$32,123	\$146,850
Totals	\$123,556	\$132,426	\$653,722

Updated Budget 2020

Christine has put together a small Financial Committee to review 2019 and update the 2020 budget due to this new situation. Members include Dave Jursik, LauraLee Symes, and Bill Conerly, Mark Sandifer, Geoff Fanning and Arjan. Dave has already been helping Christine review 2019 and the committee plans to meet over the week-end on-line. An update will be provided at the next board meeting.

General Membership Meeting

Discussion took place around the timing of the April 23rd General Membership Meeting. Although the by-laws call for financial year-end statements to be presented to the membership by the end of April, the consensus was that with the timing of Brandon's resignation and the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting should be postponed till after the shelter in place order has been lifted. An online meeting was considered, but not thought to be the best option for our membership. Motion was made to push the General meeting back to May 21st. Motion unanimously approved. The General Membership Meeting will be held on May 21st. Mitchell to add this to the WW email and Telltales.



Dredging

John wants to keep the dredging permitting activities in full swing to make sure we are able to dredge this fall.

Next Meeting

Another special board meeting will be held in two weeks on Thursday April 9th, 2020 via on-line meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:36 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April/ May 2020			1	2 Office Hours 10am-4pm	3	4
5	6	7 Board Meeting 6:30pm	8	9 Office Hours 10am-4pm	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Office Hours 10am-4pm	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting 6:30pm	22	23 Office Hours 10am-4pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Office Hours 10am-4pm	1	2
3	4	5 Board Meeting 6:30pm	6	7 Office Hours 10am-4pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Office Hours 10am-4pm	15	16
17	18	19 Board Meeting 6:30pm	20	21 General Membership Meeting 6pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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